Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi :—" May I know if there are rules framed for the grants or whether each grant is considered on what are called the merits of each case? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" There are rules fixing the maximum rate of grant."

Excise

Deputation from Tiyyas to the Commissioner of Excise regarding inadequate representation of the community in the department.

* 582 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a deputation of Tiyyas waited on the Excise Commissioner at Tellicherry in August last year and represented to him the inadequate number of Tiyyas and Billavas employed as Sub-Inspectors, Assistant Inspectors and Inspectors of Excise; and

(*b*) whether the Government have considered their grievances and taken any action in the matter?

A.—(*a*) The Government have no information.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I know whether any representation was made to Government by these people? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" No."

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister would be pleased to call for information from the Excise Commissioner and see what he can do to meet the grievances of these people? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" I think they should see the Excise Commissioner first."

Appointment of the members of the Scheduled Classes in the Excise department since January 1935.

* 583 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. Dharmalingam Pillai: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state the total number of appointments, both permanent and temporary, in the several cadres in the Excise department filled up from Scheduled Classes from January 1935 up to date on the basis of communal rotation?

A.—Two candidates belonging to the Scheduled Classes have been directly recruited as Inspectors of Excise. The Government have no information as regards the Madras Excise Subordinate Service.